Exhibit E

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Class Action Settlement Agreement ("Settlement Agreement") is made and entered into by and among Plaintiffs Jason Wilson, Patrick Krenek, Donald Akridge, Tim VanGee, Leslie Daly, Joseph Bass, James Neu, and Christopher Adams (collectively "Plaintiffs" or "Class Representatives"), and Defendant FCA US LLC ("FCA US" or "Defendant") (Plaintiffs and FCA US are collectively referred to as the "Parties"), subject to the approval of the Court.

I. <u>RECITALS</u>

WHEREAS, Plaintiffs filed two class actions alleging that model-year ("MY") 2017-2018 Ram 2500 and 3500 vehicles were defective in that the anti-lock braking system ("ABS") could become inoperable due to defective materials used in the ABS module and/or brake hydraulic control unit ("Brake HCU");

WHEREAS, the first-filed case was *Wilson, et al. v. FCA USLLC*, Case No. 4:22-cv-00447 (E.D. Tex.) ("*Wilson*"); and the second-filed case was *Neu, et al. v. FCA USLLC*, Case No. 5:23-cv-00509 (C.D. Cal. ("*Neu*");

WHEREAS, a third case, *VanGee*, *et al. v. FCA US LLC*, Case No. 4:23-cv-00375 (E.D. Tex.), was also filed and then consolidated with the *Wilson* action (*see Wilson*, ECF No. 29);

WHEREAS, the Parties have engaged in significant discovery while the cases have been pending;

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2023, the Court designated Bradley A. Winters as mediator; WHEREAS, on October 24, 2023, the Parties participated in a full-day in-person mediation session with Bradley W. Winters, and on December 20, 2023, the parties participated in a second virtual mediation session with Bradley W. Winters;

WHEREAS, after carefully considering the facts and applicable law and the risks, expense, and uncertainty of continued litigation, and after having engaged in extensive negotiations, the Parties agree that it is in their mutual best interests to resolve the claims in this Action on fair, reasonable, and adequate terms as set forth in this Settlement Agreement;

WHEREAS, the Parties agree that neither this Settlement Agreement nor the underlying settlement shall constitute or be construed as any admission of liability or wrongdoing on the part of FCA US, which FCA US expressly denies;

WHEREAS, the Parties are entering into this Settlement Agreement to avoid the risks, burdens, and expense of continued litigation;

WHEREAS, each Plaintiff and Defendant has independently determined that it is desirable and beneficial for the Action to be fully and finally resolved in the manner and upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Settlement Agreement;

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2023, the Parties reached an agreement in principle on the material terms and conditions of settlement and drafted a term sheet;

WHEREAS, the Parties have continued to negotiate the final portions of this Settlement Agreement including fees and administrative matters; and

WHEREAS, the Parties, by and through their respective undersigned counsel, have agreed to this Settlement Agreement on the terms and conditions set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and among Plaintiffs (for themselves and the Class Members) and FCA US, that, subject to the approval of the Court, the Action and the Released Claims will be compromised and settled, and have judgment entered, on the terms and conditions set forth below.

II. <u>DEFINITIONS</u>

Whenever the following capitalized terms are used in this Settlement Agreement and in the attached Exhibits (in addition to any definitions provided elsewhere in this Settlement Agreement), they shall have the following meanings:

- 2.1. "Action" means the lawsuit captioned under *Jason Wilson, et al. v. FCA US LLC,* No. 4:22-cv-00447-ALM (E.D. Tex.).
- 2.2. "Administration Expenses" means the cost of the notice program relating to this Settlement Agreement and the costs of administering and processing of claims, disbursements of consideration and other necessary and reasonable expenses associated with administering the Settlement.
- 2.3. "Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Expenses" means the amount awarded by the Court to Class Counsel to compensate them, and any other attorneys for Plaintiffs or the Settlement Class, and is inclusive of all attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses of any kind in connection with the Action, including its underlying consolidated and related cases. Class Counsel agrees not to submit a request for Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Expenses that exceeds the sum of \$2,000,000 Dollars. Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Expenses shall be in addition to the benefits provided directly to the Settlement Class and shall not reduce or otherwise have any effect on the benefits made available to the Settlement Class. Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Expenses shall not be meant to include the payment of any Service Award.
 - 2.4. "Claim" shall mean a request for reimbursement under this Settlement.
- 2.5. "Claimant" is a Class Member who makes a Claim pursuant to this Settlement Agreement.
 - 2.6. "Class" or "Settlement Class" means:

All current owners or lessees of a Model Year 2017-2018 DJ Ram 2500 / D2 Ram 3500 / DD Ram 3500 Cab Chassis / DF Ram 3500 10K LB. Cab Chassis / DX Ram Cab Chassis / DP Ram 4500/5500 built between April 1, 2017 and December 29, 2018.

Each member of the Settlement Class shall be referred to as a "Class Member." For purposes of this definition, "current owners or lessees" are owners or lessees of a Class Vehicle on or after November 1, 2023. Excluded from the Settlement Class are FCA US; any affiliate, parent, or subsidiary of FCA US; any entity in which FCA US has a controlling interest; any officer, director, or employee of FCA US; any successor or assign of FCA US; consumers or businesses that have purchased Class Vehicles previously deemed a total loss (*i.e.*, salvage or junkyard vehicles) (subject to verification through Carfax or other means); and any judge to whom the Action is assigned, his or her spouse; and individuals and/or entities who validly and timely opt-out of the settlement.

- 2.7. "Class Vehicle" means model-year 2017-2018 DJ Ram 2500 / D2 Ram 3500 / DD Ram 3500 Cab Chassis / DF Ram 3500 10K LB. Cab Chassis / DX Ram Cab Chassis / DP Ram 4500/5500 vehicles built between April 1, 2017 and December 29, 2018.
- 2.8. "Class Counsel" means Ben Barnow and Anthony L. Parkhill of Barnow and Associates, P.C., Stephen R. Basser of Barrack, Rodos & Bacine, and Bruce W. Steckler of Steckler Wayne & Love, PLLC.
 - 2.9. "Court" refers to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas.
- 2.10. "Effective Date" means ten business days after the later of (a) the date upon which the time for seeking appellate review of the judgment (by appeal or otherwise) shall have expired; or (b) the date upon which the time for seeking appellate review of any appellate decision affirming the judgment (by appeal or otherwise) shall have expired and all appellate challenges to the

judgment shall have been dismissed with prejudice without any person having further right to seek appellate review thereof (by appeal or otherwise).

- 2.11. "Fairness Hearing" means the final hearing to be conducted by the Court on such date as the Court may order to determine the fairness, adequacy, and reasonableness of the Settlement in accordance with applicable jurisprudence, to be held after notice has been provided to the Settlement Class in accordance with this Settlement, and where the Court will: (a) determine whether to grant final approval to the certification of the Settlement Class; (b) determine whether to finally designate Plaintiffs as the representatives of the Settlement Class; (c) determine whether to finally designate Class Counsel as counsel for the Settlement Class; (d) determine whether to grant final approval to the Settlement; (e) rule on Class Counsel's Application for a Fee and Expense Award; (f) rule on the Class Representatives' Application for Class Representative Service Awards; and (g) consider whether to enter the Final Approval Order.
- 2.12. "FCA US's Counsel" means Klein Thomas Lee & Fresard, who are the attorneys of record representing FCA US.
- 2.13. "In-Service Date" shall mean the date on which a Class Vehicle was delivered to either the original purchaser or the original lessee; or if the vehicle was first placed in service as a "demonstrator" or "company" car, on the date such vehicle was first placed in service.
- 2.14. "Judgment" means the judgment to be entered by the Court in the Action finally approving this Settlement Agreement and dismissing the Action with prejudice.
- 2.15. "Notice" means the Short-Form Notice and/or Long-Form Notice, substantially in the same form as Exhibits A and B.
- 2.16. "Notice Date" means the date by which the Settlement Administrator completes the mailing of a copy of the Short-Form Notice by first class mail, postage prepaid, to each Class

Member after first running the addresses of the Class Members through the National Change of Address database. The Notice Date shall be no later than 65 days after the Court enters the Preliminary Approval Order.

- 2.17. "Preliminary Approval Order" means the order to be entered by the Court preliminarily approving the Settlement and directing that the Notice be given to the Class, which Preliminary Approval Order shall be without material alteration from Exhibit C attached hereto.
- 2.18. "Released Claims" means any and all claims, causes of action, demands, debts, suits, liabilities, obligations, damages, actions, rights of action, remedies of any kind and/or causes of action of every nature and description, whether known or unknown, asserted or unasserted, foreseen or unforeseen, regardless of any legal theory, existing now or arising in the future, by Plaintiffs and any and all Class Members relating to the facts, acts, events, transactions, occurrences, courses of conduct, representations, omissions, circumstances or other matters alleged in the Action, whether arising under statute, rule, regulation, common law or equity, and including, but not limited to, any and all claims, causes of action, rights or entitlements under any federal, state, local or other statute, law, rule and/or regulation relating to violation of California Business and Professions Code Sections 17200-17209, California Business and Professions Code Section 17500, or the California Consumers Legal Remedies Act (California Civil Code Sections 1750-1784), any consumer protection, consumer fraud, unfair business practices or deceptive trade practices laws, any legal or equitable theories, any claims or causes of action in tort, contract, products liability, negligence, fraud, misrepresentation, concealment, consumer protection, restitution, quasi contract, unjust enrichment, express warranty, implied warranty, secret warranty and/or any injuries, losses, damages or remedies of any kind, in law or in equity, under common law, statute, rule or regulation, including, but not limited to, compensatory damages, economic

losses or damages, exemplary damages, punitive damages, statutory damages, restitution, recovery of attorneys' fees or litigation costs, or any other legal or equitable relief. The Released Claims do not include claims for death, personal injuries, damage to tangible property other than a Class Vehicle, or subrogation. Nothing in this Settlement shall be construed as a waiver, release and/or compromise of any pending automobile lemon law claim.

- 2.19. "Releasees" shall mean, jointly and severally, individually and collectively, the entities that marketed the Class Vehicles, entities that designed, developed, and/or disseminated advertisements for the Class Vehicles, FCA US and each of their respective future, present, and former direct and indirect parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, divisions, predecessors, successors, assigns, dealers, distributors, agents, principals, suppliers, vendors, issuers, licensees, and joint ventures, and their respective future, present, and former officers, directors, employees, partners, general partners, limited partners, members, managers, agents, shareholders (in their capacity as shareholders) and legal representatives, and the predecessors, successors, heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns of each of the foregoing. As used in this paragraph, "affiliates" means entities controlling, controlled by, or under common control with a Releasee.
- 2.20. "Service Award(s)" means the \$3,000 (Three Thousand Dollars) that FCA US has agreed to pay each Plaintiff who serves as a putative class representative in the Action upon finalization of this Settlement Agreement and approval by the Court.
- 2.21. "Settlement" means the settlement into which the Parties have entered to resolve the Action. The terms of the Settlement are as set forth herein and in the attached exhibits.
- 2.22. "Settlement Administrator" means the third-party entity who has been selected by the Parties, and appointed by the Court, to administer the Settlement and the claims process.

- 2.23. "Settlement Website" shall mean the website created and maintained by the Settlement Administrator that will contain, among other things, the documents related to the Settlement.
- 2.24. "Warranty Extension" means the terms of the extended warranty coverage as described in Section III.A.

III. <u>SETTLEMENT CONSIDERATION</u>

In consideration for the Settlement, entry of Judgment, and dismissal, and for the Release provided herein, FCA US agrees to provide the following consideration to the Class:

A. Warranty Extension

- 3.1 FCA US has extended its existing warranty obligations applicable to the Class Vehicles to cover the costs of all parts and labor to replace a failed Brake HCU component for a period of 8 years from the Class Vehicle's in-service date. This Warranty Extension is not subject to a mileage limitation. All terms and conditions of the Basic Limited Warranty shall apply. The Warranty Extension follows the Class Vehicles and is not personal to any owner or lessee.
- 3.2 The Class Members shall not be required to present any Settlement-related document to receive warranty service at an authorized FCA US dealership.
- 3.3 All applicable rights and conditions under preexisting warranties will remain notwithstanding the implementation of this Settlement. Nothing in this Settlement will be construed as diminishing or otherwise affecting any other express or implied warranties covering the Class Vehicles.
- 3.4 FCA US may implement or continue to implement any additional customer satisfaction or goodwill policy, program, or procedure at their discretion, and may extend goodwill consideration to individual Class Members on a case-by-case basis, without regard to their

entitlement to relief under the Settlement. No such goodwill decision by FCA US, however, shall act to deprive a Class Member or Claimant of the benefits available under the Settlement.

3.5 Any replacement Brake HCU component installed pursuant to the Warranty Extension shall be the then currently authorized version at the time of the repair.

B. Repair Reimbursements

3.6 Any Class Member who paid for a repair relating to the replacement of a Brake HCU component is entitled to submit a claim to www.fcarecallreimbursement.com for reimbursement. Claims will be paid according to FCA US's normal extended warranty payment processes. At least one week before the hearing on final approval, FCA US will provide an accounting of the reimbursement claims made and paid.

C. Rental Vehicle Reimbursements

3.7 Class Members may submit claims for rental vehicle reimbursements. FCA US shall pay up to a maximum of \$600,000 for claims relating to rental vehicle reimbursements. Claims shall not exceed \$100 per day or a total limit of \$1,000 per Class Vehicle. If all valid claims exceed \$600,000 they will be paid on a pro rata basis. Required documentation for these claims shall include car rental receipts and proof of a contemporaneous repair to the Brake HCU.

D. Costs of Administration and Notice

3.8 FCA US shall be responsible for all Administration Expenses including Notice.

E. Confirmatory Discovery

3.9 FCA US shall provide Plaintiffs with reasonable confirmatory discovery concerning the efficacy of the Brake HCU countermeasures, the timing of the availability of the Brake HCU repair components, and the diagnostic criteria that will be used for repairs under the warranty.

IV. CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION

4.1 Claims for reimbursement under this Settlement shall be submitted through FCA US's reimbursement system. The details for submission shall be posted prominently in each of the following locations: the Short-Form Notice, Long-Form Notice, and a dedicated Settlement Website.

V. NOTICE TO THE CLASS

A. CAFA Notice.

5.1 In compliance with the attorney general notification provision of the Class Action Fairness Act ("CAFA"), 28 U.S.C. § 1715, FCA US shall cause notice of this Settlement to be provided to the Attorney General of the United States and the attorneys general of each state or territory in which a Class Member resides ("CAFA Notice"). FCA US shall bear all costs associated with effecting the CAFA Notice.

B. Notice Deadline.

5.2 No later than the Notice Date, the Settlement Administrator shall cause Notice to the Class to be disseminated by U.S. mail and the dedicated Settlement Website.

C. Individual Class Notice Methods.

5.3 Following the Court granting preliminary approval of this Settlement, the Settlement Administrator shall send the Short-Form Notice by direct U.S. mail to all reasonably identifiable Class Members. The Settlement Administrator shall further set up and maintain a Settlement Website where Class Members can access the Long-Form Notice, a copy of this Settlement Agreement, the operative complaint, and additional information about the Action and Settlement. The Short-Form Notice will include the address of the Settlement Website, as well as

a toll-free number for an interactive voice recording service that allows Class Members to leave a request for a paper copy of the Long-Form Notice.

- 5.4 For purposes of mailing Notice, FCA US agrees to provide to the Settlement Administrator within 30 days of entry of the Preliminary Approval Order all available names and mailing address information for owners and lessors of each Class Vehicle, along with the Vehicle Identification Number ("VIN") for those Class Vehicles. Prior to mailing the individual Short-Form Notice, the Settlement Administrator shall conduct an address search through the United States Postal Service's National Change of Address database to update the address information for Class Members.
- 5.5 The Parties agree that the names and addresses provided to the Settlement Administrator shall not be used for any purpose other than for providing the written notice identified herein and that such names and addresses shall be treated as private and confidential information and not disseminated, in any manner, to anyone other than the Settlement Administrator. The Parties agree to seek entry of an Order by the Court mandating that FCA US provide the names and addresses to the Settlement Administrator and that such information be treated as private, confidential, and proprietary.
- 5.6 For all Class Members for whom the Notice is returned with forwarding address information, the Settlement Administrator shall re-mail the Notice to the new address indicated. For all Class Members for whom the Notice is returned without forwarding address information, the Settlement Administrator shall perform an advanced address search and re-mail the Notice to the best-known address resulting from that search.
- 5.7 For a period ending ninety days after the Notice Date, the Settlement, Administrator shall provide Co-Lead Class Counsel and FCA US with reasonable periodic reports of the total

number of Notices sent to Class Members by U.S. mail, along with the numbers of Notices returned as undeliverable. The Settlement Administrator shall communicate with Co-Lead Class Counsel and FCA US regarding delivery of Notice and the number of Class Members who have responded to the Notice.

VI. <u>ATTORNEYS' FEES, COSTS, AND EXPENSES AND SERVICE AWARDS</u>

- 6.1. Class Counsel may apply to the Court for an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, inclusive of costs, up to, but not to exceed, the total combined sum of \$2,000,000 (Two Million Dollars). FCA US will not oppose Class Counsel's petition for Attorneys' Fees and Expenses up to and not exceeding this amount, and Class Counsel will not accept any amount for attorneys' fees and expenses in excess of the above amount. Each party will have the right of appeal to the extent the amount awarded is inconsistent with this Agreement.
- 6.2. Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Expenses shall be in addition to the benefits provided directly to the Settlement Class (and shall be in addition to the Service Awards) and shall not reduce or otherwise have any effect on the benefits made available to the Settlement Class.
- 6.3. Upon finalization of this Settlement Agreement, FCA US will not oppose Plaintiffs' request that FCA US separately pay Service Awards of \$3,000 (Three Thousand Dollars) to each of the Class Representatives through Co-Lead Class Counsel.
- 6.4. FCA US shall pay Class Counsel the Service Awards and any Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Expenses awarded by the Court within 30 days following the later of: (i) the Effective Date or (ii) the first date after the Court enters an order awarding Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Expenses and Service Awards, and all appellate rights with respect to said order have expired or been exhausted in such a manner as to affirm the order. Within 3 days following (i) the Effective Date or (ii) the first date after the Court enters an order awarding Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and

Expenses and Service Awards, and all appellate rights with respect to said order have expired or been exhausted in such a manner as to affirm the order, Class Counsel shall provide FCA US a W-9 and instructions for receipt of the Court awarded Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Expenses, and Service Awards.

VII. RELEASE

- 7.1 Upon entry of a Court order granting final approval of the Settlement and entering judgment pursuant to Section VIII.C below, Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class irrevocably release, waive, and discharge any and all past, present, and future Released Claims against Releasees. These include, by way of example, claims and/or demands for damages, costs, attorneys' fees, losses, that have been brought or could have been brought, whether known or unknown, existing or potential, or suspected or unsuspected, whether or not specifically named herein, asserted or unasserted, under or pursuant to any statute, regulation, common law, or equitable principle, and all legal claims of whatever type or description arising out of, that may have arisen as a result of, or which could have been brought based on, any of the facts, acts, events, transactions, occurrences, courses of conduct, representations, omissions, circumstances or other matters pleaded in any complaint filed in the Action.
- 7.2 The Settlement Agreement and Release in Section 7.1 do not release claims for death or personal injuries, or other claims unrelated to those asserted in the Action. The release effected by this Settlement Agreement is intended to be a specific release and not a general release. If, despite and contrary to the Parties' intention, a court construes the release as a general release under California law and determines that Section 1542 of the California Civil Code is applicable to the release, the Class Representatives, on behalf of themselves and all Class Members, hereby

expressly waive and relinquish to the fullest extent permitted by law, the rights provided by Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides:

<u>Certain Claims Not Affected By General Release:</u> A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release and that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

Each Class Representative expressly acknowledges that they have been advised by Class Counsel, or Class Counsel's designee, of the contents and effects of Section 1542, and with knowledge, each Class Representative expressly waives, on behalf of themselves and all Class Members, whatever benefits the Class Representative and Class Members may have had pursuant to such section. Each Class Representative expressly waives, on behalf of themselves and all Class Members, the benefit of any law of any state or territory of the United States, federal law or principle of common law, or of international or foreign law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to Section 1542 of the California Civil Code.

- 7.3 Plaintiffs and Class Members recognize that, even if they later discover facts in addition to or different from those that they now know or believe to be true, they nevertheless agree that, upon entry of the Final Approval Order and Judgment, Releasors fully, finally, and forever settle and release any and all Released Claims against Releasees. The Parties acknowledge that this waiver and release were bargained for and are material elements of the Settlement.
- 7.4 This Settlement and the release in Section 7.1 do not affect the rights of Class Members who timely and properly request exclusion from the Class, or anyone encompassed within the class definitions set forth in the complaints in this Action who is not a member of the Class defined in this Settlement Agreement. The Parties do not intend this Settlement Agreement

and release to affect any legal claims that arise out of a consumer's purchase or use of any vehicle other than a Class Vehicle.

- 7.5 The motions for preliminary and final approval, administration and consummation of the Settlement shall be under the authority of the Court. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to protect, preserve, and implement the Settlement. The Court retains jurisdiction to enter such further orders as may be necessary or appropriate in administering and implementing the terms and provisions of the Settlement, including, but not limited to, orders enjoining Class Members from prosecuting claims that are released pursuant to the Settlement and allowing for discovery related to objectors.
- 7.6 Upon, issuance of the Final, Approval Order and Judgment: (i) the Settlement shall be the exclusive remedy for Class Members; (ii) Releasees shall not be subject to liability or expense of any kind to any Class Member(s) for reasons related to the Action except as set forth herein; and (iii) Class Members shall be permanently barred from initiating, asserting, or prosecuting any and all released claims against the Releasees.

VIII. SETTLEMENT APPROVAL PROCESS

A. Intention to Complete Settlement.

8.1. The Parties shall cooperate with each other in good faith to carry out the purposes of and effectuate this Settlement, shall promptly perform their respective obligations hereunder, and shall promptly take any and all actions and execute and deliver any and all additional documents and all other materials and/or information reasonably necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of this Settlement and the transactions contemplated hereby. Plaintiffs shall prepare all preliminary approval and final approval papers.

8.2. If the Preliminary Approval Order or the Final Approval Order and Judgment is not obtained from the Court in the form contemplated by this Settlement or Final Approval Order and Judgment is reversed or materially modified on appeal, this Settlement shall be null and void *ab initio* upon election of any of the Parties and have no further force and effect with respect to any of the Parties in this Action. Nothing in this provision shall affect FCA US's obligation to pay all costs reasonably incurred by the settlement administration process.

B. Preliminary Court Approval.

- 8.3. Promptly after execution of this Settlement by the Parties, counsel for the Parties shall present this Settlement to the Court for review and jointly seek entry of an order that certifies the Class as a settlement class, grants preliminary approval of this Settlement, and directs the Settlement Administrator to provide notice of the Settlement in the manner detailed herein.
- 8.4. No later than 20 days before the Court hearing on final approval of the Settlement, the Settlement Administrator shall provide affidavits for the Court, with a copy to Class Counsel and FCA US, attesting that Notice was disseminated in a manner consistent with the terms of this Settlement Agreement or as otherwise required by the Court.

C. Final Court Approval.

8.5. Once the Court enters a Preliminary Approval Order, counsel for the Parties shall use their best efforts to promptly obtain entry of a Final Approval Order and Judgment that: (a) finds the Settlement to be fair, reasonable, and adequate; (b) finds that the Notice given constitutes the best notice practicable; (c) approves the Release specified in Section VII as binding and effective as to all Class Members who have not properly excluded themselves from the Class; (d) directs that Judgment be entered on the terms stated herein; and (e) provides that the Court will

retain jurisdiction over the Parties and Class Members to enforce the terms of the Final Approval Order and Judgment.

8.6. Upon entry of the Final Approval Order and Judgment, this Action shall be dismissed, on its merits and with prejudice, with respect to all Plaintiffs and all Class Members who have not properly excluded themselves from the Class, and without prejudice as to anyone else, subject to the continuing jurisdiction of the Court.

IX. REQUESTS FOR EXCLUSION

- 9.1. The provisions of this section shall apply to any request for exclusion from the Class.
- 9.2. Any Class Member may make a request for exclusion by submitting such request in writing as set forth in the Notice.
- 9.3. Any request for exclusion must be submitted no later than 45 days after the Notice Date.
- 9.4. Any request for exclusion shall (i) state the Class Member's full name and current address, (ii) provide the model year and VIN of his/her/its Class Vehicle(s) and the approximate date(s) of purchase or lease, and (iii) specifically and clearly state his/her/its desire to be excluded from the Settlement and from the Class.
- 9.5. Failure to comply with these requirements and to timely submit the request for exclusion will result in the Class Member being bound by the terms of the Settlement Agreement.
- 9.6. Any Class Member who submits a timely request for exclusion may not file an objection to the Settlement and shall be deemed to have waived any rights or benefits under this Settlement Agreement.

- 9.7. The Settlement Administrator shall report the names of all Class Members who have submitted a request for exclusion to the Parties on a weekly basis, beginning 30 days after the Notice Date.
- 9.8. Class Counsel represent and warrant that they have no other agreements with other counsel respecting Class Members, including any agreements with respect to referring, soliciting, or encouraging any Class Members to request to be excluded (or "opt out") from this Settlement Agreement.
- 9.9. Upon certification of the Class in connection with the Preliminary Approval of this Settlement Agreement, Class Counsel agree to seek in the Preliminary Approval Order from the Court a provision encouraging all written communications to multiple Class Members with respect to this Settlement Agreement to be reviewed and approved by Co-Lead Class Counsel and the Court, and Co-Lead Class Counsel agree to abide by that provision as may be required by the Court.

X. <u>OBJECTIONS</u>

- 10.1. The Parties will request that the Court enter an order requiring any Class Member who wishes to enter an objection to be considered, to submit a written notice of objection to the Settlement Administrator at the address set forth in the Notice postmarked by no later than 45 days after the Notice Date.
- 10.2. To state a valid objection to the Settlement, an objecting Class Member must provide the following information in his, her, or its written objection: (i) the case name and number, *i.e.*, *Wilson, et al. v. FCA US LLC*, No. 4:22-cv-00447 (E.D. Tex.); (ii) their full name, current address, and current telephone number; (iii) the model year and VIN of their Class Vehicle(s); (iv) a statement of the objection(s), including all factual and legal grounds for the

position; (v) copies of any documents the objector wishes to submit in support; (vi) the name and address of the attorney(s), if any, who is representing the objecting Class Member in making the objection or who may be entitled to compensation in connection with the objection; (vii) a statement of whether the Class Member objecting intends to appear at the Final Approval Hearing, either with or without counsel; (viii) the identity of all counsel (if any) who will appear on behalf of the Class Member objecting at the Final Approval Hearing and all persons (if any) who will be called to testify in support of the objection; (ix) the signature of the Class Member objecting, in addition to the signature of any attorney representing the Class Member objecting in connection with the objection, and (x) the date of the objection. In addition, any Class Member objecting to the Settlement shall provide a list of any other objections submitted by the objector, or the objector's counsel, to any class action settlements submitted in any court in the United States in the previous five years. If the Class Member their counsel has not made any such prior objection, the Class Member shall affirmatively so state in the written materials provided with the objection.

- 10.3. If the objecting Class Member intends to appear, in person or by counsel, at the Final Approval Hearing, the objecting Class Member must so state in the objection. Any Class Member who does not state his or her intention to appear in accordance with the applicable deadlines and other specifications, or who has not filed an objection in accordance with the applicable deadlines and other specifications, will be deemed to have waived any objections to the Settlement and can be barred from speaking or otherwise presenting any views at the Final Approval Hearing.
- 10.4. The Parties will request that the Court enter an order providing that the filing of an objection allows Co-Lead Class Counsel or FCA US's Counsel to notice such objecting person for, and take their deposition consistent with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure at an agreed-

upon location, and to seek any documentary evidence or other tangible things that are relevant to the objection. Failure by an objector to make themselves available for a deposition or comply with expedited discovery requests may result in the Court striking the objection and otherwise denying that person the opportunity to be heard. The Court may tax the costs of any such discovery to the objector or the objector's counsel should the Court determine that the objection is frivolous or made for improper purpose.

- 10.5 Any objector who seeks a fee for their objection shall do so as prescribed under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e)(5)(B).
- 10.6 These procedures and requirements for objecting are intended to ensure the efficient administration of justice and the orderly presentation of any Class Member's objection to the Settlement, in accordance with the due process rights of all Class Members.
- 10.7 Any Class Member who fails to file and timely serve a written objection containing all of the information listed in Sections 10.2 and 10.3 above, including notice of his/her intent to appear at the Final Approval Hearing, shall not be permitted to object to the Settlement and shall be foreclosed from seeking any review of the Settlement or the terms of the Settlement Agreement by any means, including but not limited to an appeal.

XI. <u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>

A. Choice of Law.

11.1. This Settlement Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the substantive laws of the State of Texas without giving effect to any choice or conflict of law provision, or rule that would cause the application of the laws of any other jurisdiction.

B. Not Evidence.

- 11.2. The Parties understand and acknowledge that this Settlement Agreement constitutes a compromise and settlement of disputed claims. No action taken by the Parties, either previously or in connection with the negotiations or proceedings connected with this Settlement Agreement, shall be deemed or construed to be an admission of the truth or falsity of any claims or defenses heretofore made or an acknowledgment or admission by any party of any fault, liability or wrongdoing of any kind whatsoever to any other party.
- 11.3. Neither this Settlement Agreement, nor any act performed or document executed pursuant to or in furtherance of it, (a) is, or may be deemed to be, or may be used as, an admission of, or evidence of, the validity of any legal claim made by Plaintiffs or Class Members, or of any wrongdoing or liability of FCA US; or (b) is, or may be deemed to be, or may be used as, an admission of, or evidence of, any fault or omission of Releasees in any proceeding in any court, administrative agency, or other tribunal.
 - 11.4. This provision shall survive the expiration or voiding of the Settlement Agreement.

C. Headings.

11.5. The headings of the sections and paragraphs of this Settlement Agreement are included for convenience only and shall not be deemed to constitute part of this Settlement Agreement or to affect its construction.

D. Effect of Exhibits.

11.6. The exhibits to this Settlement Agreement are an integral part of the Settlement and are expressly incorporated and made a part of this Settlement Agreement.

E. Entire Agreement.

among the Parties and supersedes all prior proposals, negotiations, agreements, and understandings relating to the subject matter of this agreement. The Parties acknowledge, stipulate, and agree that no covenant, obligation, condition, representation, warranty, inducement, negotiation, or understanding concerning any part or all of the subject matter of this agreement has been made or relied on except as expressly set forth in this Settlement Agreement. No modification or waiver of any provisions of this Settlement Agreement shall in any event be effective unless the same shall be in writing and signed by the person or Party against whom enforcement of the Settlement Agreement is sought.

F. Counterparts

11.8. This Settlement Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original as against any Party who has signed it, and all of which shall be deemed a single agreement.

G. Arm's Length Negotiations.

- 11.9. The Parties have negotiated all terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement at arm's length. The provisions for Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Expenses and Service Awards set forth herein were negotiated separately from and after agreement on the provisions for relief to Plaintiffs and the Class.
- 11.10. All terms, conditions, and exhibits in their exact form are material and necessary to this Settlement Agreement and have been relied upon by the Parties in entering into this Settlement Agreement.

11.11. The determination of the terms of, and the drafting of, this Settlement Agreement has been by mutual agreement after negotiation, with consideration by and participation of all Parties and their counsel. Since this Settlement Agreement was drafted with the participation of all Parties and their counsel, the presumption that ambiguities shall be construed against the drafter does not apply. The Parties were represented by competent and effective counsel throughout the course of settlement negotiations and in the drafting and execution of this Settlement Agreement, and there was no disparity in bargaining power among the Parties to this Agreement.

H. Good Faith.

11.12. The Parties acknowledge that prompt approval, consummation, and implementation of this Settlement is essential. The Parties shall cooperate with each other in good faith to carry out the purposes of and effectuate this Settlement, shall promptly perform their respective obligations hereunder, and shall attempt to resolve any dispute that may arise under this Settlement in a good faith and expeditious manner.

I. Public Statements.

11.13. The Parties and their Counsel agree to keep the substance of this Settlement Agreement confidential until such time as it is publicly filed, provided that this Section shall not prevent FCA US from disclosing such information, prior to the date on which the Settlement Agreement is filed, to state and federal agencies, independent accountants, actuaries, advisors, financial analysts, insurers, or attorneys, nor shall it prevent the Parties and their Counsel from disclosing such information to persons or entities (such as experts, courts, co-counsel, and/or administrators) to whom the Parties agree disclosure must be made in order to effectuate the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement; provided further that FCA US may disclose publicly the terms of the Settlement Agreement that it deems necessary to meet its regulatory obligations

or fiduciary duties; and provided further that Plaintiffs may disclose the terms to their expert(s). Neither the Parties nor their Counsel shall issue (or cause any other Person to issue) any press release concerning the existence or substance of this Settlement Agreement.

J. Continuing Jurisdiction.

11.14. The Parties agree the Court may retain continuing and exclusive jurisdiction over them, and all Class Members, for the purpose of the administration and enforcement of this Settlement.

K. Extensions of Time.

11.15. The Parties may agree upon a reasonable extension of time for deadlines and dates reflected in this Settlement Agreement without further notice (subject to Court approval as to court dates).

L. Service of Notice.

11.16. Whenever, under the terms of this Settlement Agreement, written notice is required to FCA US or Co-Lead Class Counsel, such service or notice shall be directed to the individuals and addresses specified below, unless those individuals or their successors give notice to the other parties in writing:

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